

3629  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APR 08 2005 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 5, 2005.

Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Marilyn R. Khorsandi

Applicant : William W. Smith, III, et al.  
Application No. : 09/684,010  
Filed : October 6, 2000  
Title : ONLINE, MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE PARCEL SHIPPING MANAGEMENT  
FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT OF COMPUTER DEVICES  
Grp./Div. : 3629  
Examiner : Edward R. Cosimano  
Docket No. : PSTM0002/MRK

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
April 5, 2005

Commissioner:

Attached are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. PTO Form 1449
3. 4 Cited References
4. Return Post Card

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the **pendency** of this application to Deposit Account No. 501574. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

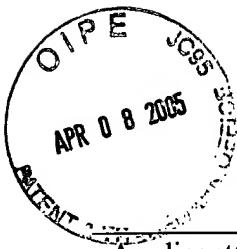
Respectfully submitted,  
KHORSANDI PATENT LAW GROUP, ALC

By Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Reg. No. 45,744  
Customer No. 29524  
626/796-2856

MRK/trh  
Enclosures

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 5, 2005.

Signature:   
Marilyn R. Khorsandi



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	William W. Smith, III, et al.	Group Art Unit:	3629
Serial No.:	09/684,010	Examiner:	Edward R. Cosimano
Filed:	October 6, 2000		
Title:	Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices		
Atty Dckt No.: PSTM0002/MRK			

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 37 CFR § 1.97(c)

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

#### Section 1: Preliminary Statements:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references and documents are enclosed. This filing is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

In compliance with providing a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement or attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement or attached Form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Many of the references listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 were cited in Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Also listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 are Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

While this Information Disclosure Statement, and the references and documents cited in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and citation of the references and documents listed in the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 are not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references and documents be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

Section 2. FORM 1449

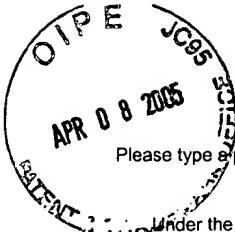
A list of patents and publications is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

April 5, 2005  
Date

Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 45,744

Khorsandi Patent Law Group, ALC  
140 S. Lake Ave., Ste. 312  
Pasadena, California 91101-4710  
Telephone No.: (626) 796-2856  
Fascimile: (626) 796-2864



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	Of	1	Attorney Docket Number	PSTM0002/MRK
-------	---	----	---	------------------------	--------------

### Complete if Known

Application Number	09/684,010
Filing Date	10/6/2000
First Named Inventor	Smith, et al
Group Art Unit	3629
Examiner Name	Edward R. Cosimano

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>			

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				T <sup>2</sup>
	1	Examiner Jamisue A. Webb, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 7, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Location Comparison Across Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,871 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0003/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000				
	2	Examiner Jamisue A. Webb, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 07, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Notification Service Option Comparison for Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,078 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0010/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000				
	3	Examiner Romain Jeanty, Art Unit 3623, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 04, 2005 for Bilibin, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Zone Level Rating for Each of Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,014 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0023/MRK); filed October 6, 2000				
	4	Examiner Edward R. Cosimano, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 07, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,866 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0038/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000				
Examiner Signature						Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter Code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.